

Shame on FCC Chairman Michael Powell and his Republican colleagues for caving in to corporate lobbying by media conglomerates and doing a violent disservice to the public interest under the guise of responding to changes in the competitive media landscape.

Chairman Powell's statements are a classic example of politically motivated double speak. When compared to the statement of the longer tenured Commissioner Adelstein, they are exposed for what they really are: feeble and pathetic attempts to justify a corporate power-grab which will result in unfettered industry concentration so favored by the current administration. It is instructive to see the ground swell of public outrage mounting against this blatant assault against the public interest, as reflected in the highly negative poll results regarding this action published by various Internet websites and in actions being mounted by Congressional Committees, such as the Senate Commerce Committee to effectively overturn this misguided and reckless FCC policy vote.

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